(1) the date on which they came to know of the sad death of Mr. A. K. Raman, the Vadakkancheri Munsiff;

(2) The date on which another Munsiff was appointed in his place;

(3) the date on which that gentleman took charge;

(4) the date on which regular work commenced in that court;

(5) the reasons for the delay in making the appointment?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) 3rd Edavàm 1110.

(2) 25th Edavam 1110.

(3) 30th Edavam 1110.

(4) 30th Edavam 1110.

(5) The matter was under consideration.

Supervision and execution of Public works.

85. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) besides the Engineering Department, have the Heads of other Departments in the State under their care the supervision and execution of public works;

(2) if so, of which departments;

(3) have the Heads of such Departments, the qualifications to get the works carried out satisfactorily;

(4) what inconvenience, if any, is there in entrusting all public works to the Engineering Department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) All Heads of Departments attend to P. C. R. works relating to their Departments themselves. The Panchayat and Public Health Departments have besides to attend to minor engineering works which do not require high technical supervision.

(3) Yes; they are capable of handling the works attended to by them.

(4) There is no need to entrust such of the public works to the Engineering Department as can be got done equally well by the other departments.

State cars—use by Government Servants.

86. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(1) whether any of the Government servants other than the Diwan use the Government cars permanently;

(2) if so, (a) who are they;

(b) the reasons for allowing them such use?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No car has been placed at the disposal of any Government servant other than the Diwan.

(2) The questions do not arise.

Supply of electricity to the Trichur Town.

87. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.

(1) whether they have given license to the Trichur Electric Corporation to supply electricity to the Trichur town;

(2) whether they are now thinking of cancelling that license and giving to some other firm?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The question of electrification of the State on a scope wider than that contemplated in the license is under consideration.

Failure of crops on account of drought.

88. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware of the great havoc caused to the kole cultivators by the general failure of crops on account of the unprecedented drought this year;

(2) whether they have ascertained the extent of the damage done to the punja crops by it;

(3) if so (a) what it is; and

(b) whether they are taking steps to give any relief, temporary or permanent, to the sufferers;

(4) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the steps that they propose to take?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) Yes.

(3) (a) About 7,123 acres.

(3) (b) and (4) The question of the grant of relief is under the consideration of Government.

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